

1 **REMARKS:**

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3 In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-20 are pending in the
4 application and that claims 1-12 are rejected, claims 15-20 are allowed and claims 13 and 14 are
5 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner notes that claims 13
6 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the
7 base claim and any intervening claims.

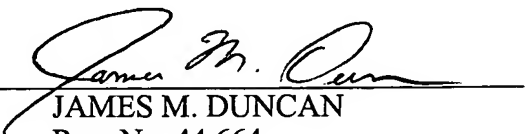
8 By this amendment, all claims rejected by the Examiner are canceled. Claim 10, the
9 base claim for claims 13 and 14, is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims
10 11, 12 and 13. Thus the amendment of claim 10 herein results in the rewritten form of claims 13
11 and 14 which the Examiner stated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including
12 all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, dependent
13 claims 11-13 are canceled.

14 Claim 18 is amended to correct an error in punctuation. A period was inadvertently
15 placed at the end of sub-sub-paragraph (b)(iv).

16 Applicant respectfully submits that this submission is fully responsive to the September
17 9, 2003 Office Action, and these claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice
18 of Allowance at an early date is therefore requested.

19 If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this
20 application, please telephone the undersigned at (661)395-1000.

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22 Respectfully submitted,

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